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GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM

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HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

ADVISORIES AND GENERAL INFORMATION

The 18th March, 2020

**No.HLA 248/2020/10.-** World Health Organization has declared the ongoing Corona Virus outbreak as Global Pandemic and Government of Assam is undertaking various steps to prevent and contain the emergence/ spread of COVID-19 in the State of Assam.

The available medical and scientific evidence indicate that maintaining social distance and personal hygiene/ discipline are the most important steps for prevention of emergence of COVID-19. Accordingly, Government of Assam, has come up with the following consolidated advisories and restrictions:

1. Social distancing, hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette are to be maintained in all places of work, worship and stay, throughout the state of Assam. Shaking hands and hugging as a matter of greeting are to be avoided.
2. Spitting in public places is prohibited.
3. All educational institutions within the state of Assam shall remain closed till 29<sup>th</sup> of March 2020, except for the ongoing Board or University examinations. However, social distancing of 1 metre must be maintained while conducting the examinations.
4. No school events or excursions/trips will be organized till 29<sup>th</sup> of March 2020. School teachers shall visit households/ villages of the feeding areas of the school to generate mass awareness on COVID -19 and preventive steps to be taken.

5. Cinema theatres, gymnasiums, swimming pools and other such public gathering places have been closed down till 29<sup>th</sup> of March 2020.
6. Restaurants are directed to ensure hand washing protocol and proper cleanliness of frequently touched surfaces. Ensure physical distancing (minimum 1 metre) between tables; encourage open air seating where practical with adequate distancing. Not more than 50 people should be allowed in the dining area at one place.
7. Mass gathering with more than 50 persons with immediate effect for next four (4) weeks for events like weddings, festivals, religious festivals, concerts, sporting events or conferences are discouraged. Public are advised to avoid any unnecessary visits to exhibitions, tourist places etc.
8. In view of announcement of BTAD elections, further steps will be taken as per advice of the State Election Commission (SEC).
9. Even small events with expected gathering of population of less than 50, must have adequate provision of hand hygiene and maintain distance of minimum 1 meter between two persons.
10. Senior citizens are urged not to join in any social gatherings and are advised preferably not to use public transport for going from one place to another. Senior citizens are also advised to make only planned and pre-informed visits to OPD clinics, hospitals and dispensaries when the visit is absolutely necessary.
11. Any foreigner or Indian travelling from COVID-19 affected countries must register themselves at airports/ train stations and self- isolate for two weeks. During the self-isolation period, if any signs and symptoms are observed, they must immediately report to the nearest health centre/control room for appropriate action. The State Control Room No. for this purpose is # 6913347770/1/2/3 or Toll Free no 104.
12. Tea Garden management have been asked to ensure availability of running water, soaps and/or hand sanitizer for their workers both in field and at home. They will report to the authority if any worker or family member of the worker have travelled outside Assam in the last 14 days.
13. District authorities and urban local bodies/ panchayati raj organisations will organise meeting with traders associations and other stakeholders to regulate hours, exhibit Do's and Don'ts and take up a communication drive in market places, bus depots, railway stations, post-offices etc., where essential services are provided.
14. All commercial activities must keep a distance of 1 metre between customers.
15. Public are urged not to indulge in panic buying. Government will take action against hoarding of essential commodities/ items and ensure availability of such items.

16. District authorities will carry out mass awareness drive through MMUs and local health centres on safety and preventive measures for COVID -19. DCs may use resources of DDMA wherever required.
17. Hospitals have been instructed to follow necessary protocol related with COVID-19 management as prescribed, and restrict family/ friends/ children visiting patients in hospitals.
18. Health & Family Welfare Department will ensure that dedicated ambulances are used for carrying suspected and confirmed patients of COVID-19 and after transportation, are disinfected properly adhering to the protocols.
19. All offices in the State/ institutions (both public/private)/ PSUs/Commercial Organizations have been asked to stop use of Biometric Attendance System where physical contact is required with the system to record attendance till 31st March 2020. During this period, the attendance may be marked manually in the office registers and maintained by Head of Office appropriately.
20. The State Disaster Management Authority along with District Disaster Management Authorities shall promote community participation in self-reporting, home quarantine, hand hygiene and awareness on COVID-19 prevention in coordination with the Health department.
21. The Deputy Commissioners and Superintendent of Police of the districts have been asked to take all necessary actions to ensure the strict compliance of the above advisories and restrictions, and hold regular coordination meetings to resolve issues and to disseminate proper and correct information.
22. Separately, the Assam COVID-19 Regulations, 2020 have been issued to empower Government officials to enforce regulations to be observed by the public as deemed necessary to prevent the outbreak of COVID 19 or the spread thereof.

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